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So far as the coordination of the People's Police with the Red Army is concerned, military men believe that the East Germans, if the situation becomes serious, will be assigned missions similar to those performed by the SS Einsatzgruppen (combat units) in the last war. The reliability of the East German People's Army, however, is not established, for there are indications that it is not reliable. -- Willy Brandt, Morgon Tidnigen's Correspondent

ADD MOUNTED POLICE TO PEOPLE'S POLICE FORCE -- Berlin Nacht-Express, 5 Aug 50

The first 20 mounted policemen reported to Headquarters of the People's Police in Berlin, Neue Koenigstrasse, on 4 August 1950. This group, which is stationed in Pankow, will be responsible for guarding nearby rural areas.

COAST GUARD TO TRAIN NAVAL UNITS -- Buenos Aires Argentinisches Tageblatt, 7 Aug 50

The Main Administration of the East German Coast Guard has issued its first qualification requirements for entering naval units in Soviet Zone Germany. Former seamen up to 35 years of age, and in special instances above that age, may apply. The main qualification expected of applicants is a positive attitude toward the German Democratic Republic. Enlistments are for 3 years. For those without experience at sea the age limit is from 18 to 24 years.

The East German Coast Guard will train all units of the future East German Fleet. Every applicant must take an extensive course at the newly established Coast Guard School. The first training courses will be for seamen, machinists, communication specialists, and radio operators. Graduates of these courses may be licensed as ship's captains or engineers.

TRAINS MERCHANT MARINE CAPTAINS -- Schwerin Landes-Zeitung, 31 Jul 50

In order to create a pool of available captains for the East German Merchant Marine, construction of which is provided in the Five-Year Plan, the Wustrow Navigation School will open a training course for merchant marine captains for long voyages on 2 September 1950. A three-term course for training sea navigators for long voyages started in March 1950.

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